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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yoshinori ENDO

Group Art Unit: 2625

Application No.: 10/690,529

Examiner: Y. QIN

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Docket No.: 117579

For: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE

APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Further to the June 3, 2008 personal interview with Examiner Qin, Applicant's Separate Record of the substance of the interview is provided in the following remarks. Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Qin in the June 3, 2008 personal interview.

During the personal interview, Applicant's representative traversed the rejection of independent claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,407,826 to Hashimoto et al. (hereinafter Hashimoto); the rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hashimoto; and the rejection of claims 3-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) over Hashimoto in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,602,975 to Kataoka et al. (hereinafter Kataoka). The points discussed during the personal interview parallel the arguments presented in the April 28, 2008 Amendment.

As agreed during the June 3, 2008 personal interview, Hashimoto fails to disclose or suggest (1) a reception unit receiving a reset signal transmitted from an external device, and

(2) a selecting unit enabling a user to select one mode from among the reset signal valid mode and the reset signal invalid mode, as recited in independent claim 1.

The January 28, 2008 Office Action alleges that the CPRDY signal of Hashimoto corresponds to the claimed reset signal. In addition, the January 28, 2008 Office Action acknowledges that Hashimoto fails to disclose a selecting unit, as recited in independent claim 1. However, the January 28, 2008 Office Action alleges that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the system of Hashimoto to include a selecting unit, as recited in independent claim 1.

As agreed during the June 3 personal interview, the CPRDY signal of Hashimoto (the alleged reset signal) is not a signal that is transmitted from the external unit 31 (the alleged external device), but rather is transmitted from a video controller 27 to a video controller 26, both of which are included in the laser printer main unit 1 (the alleged image forming unit). Thus, Hashimoto fails to disclose or suggest a reception unit that receives a reset signal transmitted from an external device, as recited in independent claim 1.

Further, as agreed during the June 3 personal interview, Hashimoto fails to teach or render obvious modifying the *fifth embodiment* of Hashimoto, which describes a test print switch, to include a selecting unit as recited in independent claim 1, because Hashimoto fails to teach or suggest the capability of ignoring a wake-up designation command.

Thus, for at least the above reasons and those asserted in the April 28, 2008 Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 is patentable over Hashimoto. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-13 are patentable, at least in view of the patentability of independent claim 1, from which these claims depend, as well as for the additional features these claims recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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